

medication in her pocket while employed as a nurse on the night shift of Cape Regional Medical Center and was referred for screening. She tested positive for opiates and marijuana..

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

1. The conduct underlying respondent's conviction for attempting to cause bodily injury to another relates adversely to nursing within the intendment of N.J.S.A. 45:1-21(f).

2. Respondent's attribution of her conduct to a reaction to prescribed medication, and the positive results of the drug screening, strongly indicate that respondent may be impaired within the intendment of N.J.S.A. 45:1-21(i), warranting

Based on the foregoing findings and conclusions, a Provisional Order of Discipline was entered on October 16, 2012, provisionally imposing a public reprimand for the violation of N.J.S.A. 45:1-21(f), and ordering respondent to undergo a comprehensive mental health and substance abuse evaluation under the auspices of the Recovery and Monitoring Program of New Jersey (RAMP) within thirty (30) days of the filing of a Final Order of Discipline in this matter. A copy of the Provisional Order was forwarded to respondent at her address of record by certified and regular mail. The Provisional Order was subject to finalization by the Board at 5:00 p.m. on the 30th business day following entry unless respondent requested a modification or dismissal of the stated Findings of Fact or Conclusions of Law by submitting a written request for modification or dismissal setting forth in writing any and all reasons why said findings and conclusions should be modified or dismissed, and submitting any and all documents or other written evidence supporting respondent's request for consideration and reasons therefor.

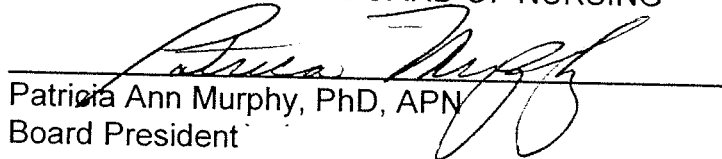
Although the record reflects that the certified mailing of the order was received on October 20, 2012, and the regular mailing of the order was not returned, no response has been received to date. The Board considered this matter and determined that service had been effected, inasmuch as the mailings of the Provisional Order had been sent to respondent's address of record with the Board. The Board further determined that inasmuch as no discrepancies had been raised with respect to the findings and conclusions of the Provisional Order, further proceedings were not necessary, and the Provisional Order should be made final.

ACCORDINGLY, IT IS on this 10th day of December, 2012,
ORDERED that:

1. A public reprimand is hereby imposed upon respondent pursuant to N.J.S.A. 45:1-21(f).
2. Respondent is ordered, within 30 days of the filing of a Final Order of Discipline in this matter, arrange to undergo a comprehensive mental health and substance abuse evaluation under the auspices of the Recovery and Monitoring Program of New Jersey (RAMP). Respondent shall arrange to have the results of this evaluation forwarded to the Board within thirty (30) days of the evaluation. This timeframe is subject to revision only if authorized by RAMP in writing.

NEW JERSEY STATE BOARD OF NURSING

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